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FOLLOWING REPEAT LONDON 10798 ACTION SECSTATE BGHDAD CAIRO
AMMAN DAMASCUS TEL AVIV MANAMA KUWAIT DATED JUL 10:

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PINS, UK, IZ

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF FORMER IRAQI PREMIER

1. FORMER IRAQI PRIME MINISTER ABDUL RAZZAK AL-NAYIF
WAS SHOT BY AN ARAB GUNMAN OUTSIDE THE INTER CONTINENTAL
HOTEL JULY 9 IN LONDON, DYING ON THE MORNING OF JULY 10.
THE GUNMAN WAS SEIZED TRYING TO ESCAPE.

2. ACCORDING TO THE FCO THE GUNMAN WAS CARRING WHAT
APPEARS TO BE A FALSE BAHREINI PASSPORT AND MAY HAVE
PALESTINIAN CONNECTIONS. THE FCO HAS ALSO INFORMED
US A MINOR IRAQI CIVIL SERVANT CARRYING AN IRAQI

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PASSPORT WAS ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT YESTERDAY
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CRIME AND THAT HMG BELIEVES
THAT IT HAS ENOUGH INFORMATION TO ESTABLISH A LINK
WITH THE IRAQI EMBASSY HERE.

3. THE FCO ASKED US THAT WE HOLD THIS INFORMATION
CLOSELY FOR THE TIME BEING (PARA 2).

4. COMMENT: THIS INCIDENT CAN OBVIOUSLY BE EXPECTED TO HAVE A) SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS FOR ANGLO-IRAQI RELATIONS AND B) TO A LESSER DEGREE, SOME EFFECT ON OUR SECURITY PLANNING FOR THE FORTHCOMING LONDON MIDDLE EAST TALKS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME ARAB EMBASSIES HERE ARE ALREADY ASKING FOR MORE POLICE PROTECTION.

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